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SUBJECT: RHODESIA: ASSISTANCE FOR MACHEL IN CONTACTING MUZOREWA

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1. BILL FOLTZ AND I MET WITH MACHEL FOR ABOUT HALF HOUR THIS
MORNING. FERNANDO HONWANA AND SERGIO VIEIRA WERE PRESENT.

2. MACHEL TOLD TOLTZ THAT PURPOSE OF HIS MISSION TO MUZOREWA WOULD
BE TO MAKE CERTAIN MUZEREWAS UNDERSTOOD CONSEQUENCES OF ENTERING
INTERNAL ACCORD WITH SMITH. MACHEL EMPHASIZED THAT FIGHTING
WILL INEVITABLY CONTINUE, THAT IT COULD TURN INTO NASTY RACIAL
WAR AND THAT THERE IS REAL RISK OF BIG POWER (US-USSR) CONFRONTATION
IN AREA, MACHEL SAID THE ZIMBABWEAN PEOPLE, THE FRONT LINE
STATES AND ALL OF AFRICA WOULD HOLD MUZOREWA AND SITHOLE RESPONSIBLE
MACHEL IS URGING MUZOREWA TO RENOUNCE INTERNAL ACCORD AND REJOINING
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NKOMO AND MUGABE IN SEEKING
SETTLEMENT BASED ON ANGLO AMERICAN
PLAN. ROLE FOR MUZOREWA IS ASSURED IF HE WITHDRAWS FROM
INTERNAL ARRANGEMENTS.

3. MACHEL IS PRIMARILY INTERESTED IN MUZOREWA ONLY INCIDENTALLY
IN SITHOLE.

FOLTZ WAS ASKED TO SEE SITHOLE AS WELL AS MUZOREWA IF THIS
CONVENIENT BUT TO CONCENTRATE ON MUZOREWA.

4. MACHEL HAS BEEN TALKING MOST OF YESTERDAY AND EARLY THIS
MORNING WITH NKOMO AND MUGABE, BOTH OF WHOM DEPARTED MAPUTO
MID MORNING, MUGABE FOR CHIMOIO AND
NKOMO FOR LUSAKA. MACHEL CONTENDS THAT NKOMO AND MUGABE ARE ALSO
PREPARED TO RECEIVE MUZOREWA BACK INTO THE FOLD BUT IT NOT
CLEAR WHETHER MACHEL HAD IN
FACT DISCUSSED HIS PROPOSED APPROACH TO MUZOREWA WITH NKOMO
AND MUGABE. MACHEL
STATED CATEGORICALLY THAT HE COULD SPEAK FOR MUELERE ON THIS MATTER.

5. IF MUZOREWA IS RELUCTANT TO RENOUNCE THE INTERNAL ACCORD WITHOUT
FURTHER
TALKS WITH OR ASSURANCES FROM THE FRONT LINE OR PATRIOTIC
FRONT, MACHEL SAID THAT HE WOULD RECEIVE HIM IN MOZAMBIQUE
ALSO WILLING BE WILLING TO TALK TO MUZOREWA. MACHEL THOUGH MEETING
WITH NKOMO AND MUGABE COULD LIKEWISE BE ARRANGED.

6. MACHEL KNOWS THAT MUZOREWA IS DEPARTING SALISBURY FOR LONDON
AND TALKS WITH DAVID OWEN. IF MUZOREWA RETURNS TO SALISBURY
ON MARCH 8 OR 9 AS EARLIER REPORTED, FOLTZ WILL TRY CONTACT
MUZOREWA IN SALISBURY. IF MUZORERWA
DOES NOT RETURN TO SALISBURY NEXT WEEK. MACHEL HOPES FLOTZ COULD
TRAVEL TO LONDON OR NEW YORK TO SEE HIM.

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7. FOLTZ WOULD LIKE TO KNOW IF DEPARTMENT IS PREPARED PAY
TRANSPORTATION COSTS TO AND FROM LONDON OR NEW YORK SHOULD THIS BE
NECESSARY IN ORDER ARRANGE EARLY
MEETING WITH MUZOREWA.

8. REQUEST MAPUTO AND PRETORIA BE INFORMED
WHEN MUZOREWA'S TRAVEL PLANS ARE KNOWN OR CHANGED.
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